



## May 2025 Action Sheet, Global Appropriations

# Tell Congress: Fund the fight against global poverty

Every year Congress goes through an [appropriations process](#) to decide how to spend the money in the U.S. Federal Budget. Our mission as RESULTS advocates is to inspire them to take action to fight poverty. Currently Congress is deciding funding levels for specific accounts for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26), which begins October 1, 2025. The Trump Administration has taken aggressive action to cancel foreign assistance contracts and shut down the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), so it is more important than ever that Congress include strong funding for foreign aid in the FY26 budget.

You can ask your Congress member to submit personal requests to the State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) Subcommittee on Appropriations. They must urge the subcommittee to prioritize funding to critical global health and anti-poverty programs:

Account	FY24 Enacted	FY25 House	FY25 Senate	FY25 Enacted	FY26 RESULTS Request
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria	\$1.65 billion	\$1.25 billion	\$1.2 billion	\$1.65 billion	<b>\$2 billion</b>
USAID Tuberculosis	\$394.5 million	\$394.5 million	\$394.5 million	\$394.5 million	<b>\$1 billion</b>
USAID Maternal and Child Health	\$915 million	\$915 million	\$940 million	\$915 million	<b>\$1.15 billion</b>
Of which, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	\$300 million	\$300 million	\$300 million	\$300 million	<b>\$340 million</b>
USAID Nutrition	\$165 million	\$172.5 million	\$165.5 million	\$165 million	<b>\$300 million</b>
USAID Basic Education	\$922 million	\$922 million	\$640.55 million	\$922 million	<b>\$970 million</b>
Of which, the Global Partnership for Education	\$121.6 million	\$121.6 million	\$85 million	\$121.6 million	<b>\$150 million</b>

More information is available in the [FY26 Global Appropriations Memos and Cheat Sheets](#).

We can also ensure global health and education programs are fully funded by asking Congress members to sign “Dear Colleague” letters as a way for them to show public support with their peers. We want as many members as possible to sign on in support of our global anti-poverty priorities. Check the [FY26 Dear Colleague Scorecard](#) to see if your members have signed on to any letters yet this year. Then, reach out to their foreign policy staffers to ask them to sign onto the FY26 letters.

## House Dear Colleague Letters

- **FY26 House Basic Education and GPE Dear Colleague Letter:** \$970 million for International Basic Education, including \$150 million for Global Partnership for Education. Bipartisan letter led by Reps. Mike Quigley (D-IL) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA). **Deadline: Friday, May 2**
- **FY26 House Global Fund Dear Colleague Letter:** strong support for PEPFAR and full one-third contribution to Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Bipartisan letter led by Reps. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Ami Bera (D-CA), Robin Kelly (D-NY), Maria Salazar (R-FL), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA). **Deadline: Friday, May 9**
- **FY26 House Maternal and Child Health, Gavi, and Nutrition Dear Colleague Letter:** robust funding for Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition, and restoring full funding for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Bipartisan letter led by Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Sara Jacobs (D-CA), Maria Salazar (R-FL), and James McGovern (D-MA). **Deadline: Friday, May 9**
- **FY26 House Tuberculosis (TB) Dear Colleague Letter:** meet the needs-based ask of \$1 billion for bilateral TB programs. Bipartisan letter led by Reps. Ami Bera (D-CA) and Ann Wagner (R-MO). **Deadline: Tuesday, May 13**

## Senate Dear Colleague Letters

- **FY26 Senate Tuberculosis Dear Colleague Letter:** increased funding for bilateral TB programs. Bipartisan letter led by Sens. Todd Young (R-IN) and Jacky Rosen (D-NV). **Deadline: To be determined**
- **FY26 Senate Global Fund Dear Colleague Letter** (*coming soon!*)
- **FY26 Senate Maternal and Child Health, Gavi, and Nutrition Dear Colleague Letter** (*coming soon!*)
- **FY26 Senate Basic Education and GPE Dear Colleague Letter** (*coming soon!*)

New to the appropriations process? Feel free to reach out to Katie at [kfleischer@results.org](mailto:kfleischer@results.org) with questions! You can also find more [information about the appropriations process here](#), and [last year's appropriations letters here](#).

## Sample letter to member of Congress in EPIC format

- Consider organizing a group outreach activity by inviting RESULTS group members, Action Network members, and others who care about these issues to write to your senators and representatives. You can find a [sample meeting agenda here](#).

### **Subject: Please take action on FY26 global poverty appropriations**

**Engage:** The U.S. has historically been an important leader in the fight against poverty by investing in effective and accountable global development programs that improve access to quality basic education, good health, and brighter futures.

**State problem:** However, global health and education programs have been devastated by the freeze to funding and termination of programs at the congressionally mandated USAID. Conflict and other crises also continue to reverberate. Deaths due to tuberculosis, AIDS, malaria, preventable childhood malnutrition, and cuts to education, all contribute to the theft of people's futures.

**Inform:** The State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) Subcommittee on Appropriations will soon be considering spending levels for global health and education for fiscal year 2026 (FY26).

**Call to action:** Will you include critical FY26 funding levels in your personal requests to appropriations subcommittee leadership, Representatives Diaz-Balart and Frankel? (for letter to Senator replace with Senators Graham and Schatz) A memo is enclosed with information detailing a request for \$1.15 billion for Global Maternal and Child Health in FY26.

- Include a printout of the [Maternal and Child Health Memo](#) or whichever requests you are making

This funding is both smart and compassionate. These investments support some of the highest-impact and cost-effective anti-poverty efforts. They keep us all safe from infectious diseases and increase economic stability around the world. They are a vital part of our global leadership and soft power. **Will you weigh in with the subcommittee on these vital requests?**

Thank you, name, address, phone number

### **Tips for your letters:**

Find your members of Congress [here](#). Follow their office instructions or send requests to the appropriations or foreign policy aides in each office. If you need any assistance, contact

RESULTS staff at [grassroots@results.org](mailto:grassroots@results.org). When you get a response, please let RESULTS staff know what they said.

## Sample Dear Colleague email to foreign policy aides

- **Highlighted** parts indicate that personalization is needed

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a constituent from \_\_\_\_\_. I am writing to urge **Sen./Rep. \_\_\_\_\_** to support critical investments in the fight against global poverty. Deadlines for lawmakers to submit their fiscal year 2026 funding priorities to the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee of Appropriations are fast approaching. We would like your support for vital global health and education programs that have seen devastating cuts and cancellations in the last few months.

These investments support some of the highest-impact and cost-effective anti-poverty efforts. They keep us all safe from infectious diseases and increase economic stability around the world. They are a vital part of our global leadership and soft power. **Will your boss sign on to the Dear Colleague letters below?**

**House letters:** (please delete House letters in emails to Senate staff):

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- [FY26 House Global Fund Dear Colleague Letter](#) (deadline May 9)
- [FY26 House Maternal and Child Health, Gavi, and Nutrition Dear Colleague Letter](#) (deadline May 9)
- [FY26 House Tuberculosis Dear Colleague Letter](#) (deadline May 13)

**Senate letters:** (please delete Senate letters in emails to House staff):

- [FY26 Senate Tuberculosis Dear Colleague Letter](#)

We would greatly appreciate the **Senator's/Representative's** support. **Would they be willing to sign these letters?**

If you have questions, please let me know. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response to my request.

Sincerely,

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**RESULTS group name**

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